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CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT

West Fork Bitterroot River Road (along Painted Rocks Lake) MT PFH 66-1(3)

Accomplishments through August , 2003:

Work has completed on gabion wall #6 just South of Slate Creek Bay. The backfill of the Slate Creek culvert is about complete. Roughing in (finishing) subgrade has started on the South and North end of the project. Placing of base aggregate could start in a few weeks. The culverts and underdrains are about completed.

Future activities planned for the project:

Work will continue on the new Slate Creek culvert fill. Excavation and embankment operation will continue North and South of Slate Creek. Hauling of material from the Alta pit may continue. Work will also continue on culverts, and underdrains. The phone company will be in to plow new phone line the length of the project starting Monday, August 25, 2003; they should be completed with in the week. Once the phone line is installed final finishing of subgrade, ditches, and slopes will start.

Other news of note:

Pumco, Inc. current work schedule is 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday thru Friday. This means that Pumco, Inc will use a portion if not all of the 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm road closure. Work will continue through October of this year due to the new Slate Creek culvert being installed.

As a reminder the road open/closure schedule is as follows:

7:00 pm to 8:00 am	Open Road
8:00 am to 10:00 am	Road Closure Permitted
10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Open Road
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Road Closure Permitted
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Open Road
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Road Closure Permitted

During Open Road periods expect short delays for flaggers and/or pilot car. Please be watchful of the flaggers and be prepared to stop, and follow the flagger's directions and follow the pilot car for your own safety as well as the safety of the workers.

Please refer your questions, comments, or concerns to Todd Butikofer at (406) 821-9932 Drive Safe!

